

## PERSONAL APPLICATION

- Do you know of anyone who is in need around you? How can you step in and help them?
- Do you have anyplace in your life where God might be asking you to help someone, like Mary asked Jesus to help at the wedding? How do you need to respond?
- How do you think people view you? What can you change about yourself to help them see more of Jesus in you?

## PRAYER

- Pray for anyone you know who needs help in their life right now.
- Ask God for his help in any areas you need help in.
- Ask God to help you be a better representation of Jesus to others. Ask him to show you what you can do to help make that so.
- Ask God to help you to be more sensitive to the times when he has something for you to do in order to help someone else.

## NOTES

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## Week 4: The Wedding

### CONNECT

- Have you ever been embarrassed by your mother in public?
- What is the most unusual wedding you have ever been to?

### WORD

*"<sup>1</sup>On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, <sup>2</sup>and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." <sup>4</sup>"Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup>Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. <sup>8</sup>Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, <sup>9</sup>and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside <sup>10</sup>and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have*

*saved the best till now.”<sup>11</sup>What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.”*  
**John 2:1–11 (NIV)**

### THOUGHT

This is the account of a wedding in Cana where Jesus performed his first miracle, turning water into wine. Weddings in Jesus’ time were important events. Relatives and townspeople would gather to celebrate, often for up to a week! Everyone in the town, especially if it was a small town, would be at the wedding and the ‘master of the banquet’ was generally a prominent citizen responsible for the celebration. To run out of wine would have been a great social embarrassment to the master of the banquet and to the couple and their families.

**1. What’s one word you would use to describe Jesus after hearing this story?**

- ☐ Fun
- ☐ Caring
- ☐ Normal
- ☐ Amazing
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. What is your first reaction to this story?**

- ☐ I wish Jesus had been at my wedding
- ☐ It looks like Jesus was hassled by his mother, too
- ☐ I have a hard time picturing Jesus in a setting like this
- ☐ It seems odd that Jesus’ first miracle was making wine at a party
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. How do you imagine Jesus felt about his mother’s suggestion to do something about the wine?**

**4. What do you think made Jesus ‘change his mind’ after refusing his mother and decide to help take care of the wine problem?**

**5. Why do you think Jesus chose to put this new wine in to purification or washing jars rather than in the empty wine jars?**

**6. If you had been the master of the banquet, how would you have felt when you heard that the wine was running out, or saw the servants approaching you with this new wine?**

**7. We have a tendency to make Jesus into who we think he should have been, rather than who he is? How does this story add to, confirm, challenge, or change your perception of Jesus.**

**8. Have you experienced any significant miracles in your life? What impact did they have on your life?**

**9. In what area of your life do you need a miracle right now?**

- ☐ physical
- ☐ financial
- ☐ emotional
- ☐ spiritual
- ☐ relational
- ☐ career
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_